

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: November 5, 2003

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	Unassigned
Filing Date	11/05/2003
First Named Inventor	Naofumi YAMAMOTO
Group Art Unit	Unassigned
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	016907-1580

JAN 17 2008

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A1	6,424,742	B2	YAMAMOTO ET AL.	07/23/2002	
	A2	4,926,251		SEKIZAWA ET AL.	05/15/1990	
	A3	5,072,291		SEKIZAWA	12/10/1991	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	A4	EP	0 899 685	B1	KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA	10/23/2002		
	A5	JP	11-112796	A	SHARP CORP.	04/23/1999		Abstract
	A6	JP	7-208679	A	MINOLTA CO., LTD.	10/31/1995		Abstract
	A7	JP	60-204177	A	TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO.	10/15/1985		Abstract
	A8	JP	11-69150	A	TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO.	03/09/1999		Abstract
	A9	JP	58-3374	A	NIPPON DENSHIN DENWA KOSHA	01/10/1983		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶
	A10	T. Fuchigami et al., "Hybrid Image Segmentation Based on Layout Analysis", The Institute of Image Electronics Engineers of Japan Annual Conference 2001, pages 53 and 54.	

Examiner Signature

/Steven Kau/

Date Considered

03/17/2008

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: May 25, 2004 <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
Application Number		10/700,527			
Filing Date		11/05/2003			
First Named Inventor		Naofumi YAMAMOTO			
Group Art Unit		2621			
Examiner Name		Unassigned			
Attorney Docket Number		016907-1580			

JAN 17 2008
 U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶
	A1	O. Nakamura et al., "A Character Segmentation Algorithm for Mixed-Media Communication", Institute of Electronics Information and Communication Engineers, Trans. J67-D, Vol. 11, (1984) pages 1277-1284.	

Examiner Signature	/Steven Kau/	Date Considered	03/17/2008
-----------------------	--------------	--------------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.